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Truck fire

Dysart firefighters Mike Fearrey, left, and Stacey Parish work to put out a fire in a pickup truck beside a home on Hwy. 118 just east of Paradise Cove Road in Haliburton on Thursday, Jan. 3. A passerby alerted the owner who notified emergency personnel. The Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services and the Ontario Provincial Police also responded to the call. No one was in the vehicle when crews arrived.

Darren Lum
Staff

Reward offered for wolf info

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Staff at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve are trying to bring a few members of their family home, offering a \$3,000 reward for information leading to criminal charges related to the release of four of its wolves Dec. 31.

Peter Schleifenbaum, owner and operator of the 80,000-acre privately owned forest, believes the substantial financial incentive will help bring

the right information forward.

"That should entice some people to either increase their efforts or to get over a hurdle and come forth with information that otherwise they wouldn't. We know the information is out there, we just need to get it," said Schleifenbaum.

The reward has been posted on the Forest's Facebook page.

"Another day passed and, unfortunately, we were unable to reunite the pack. Granite, Luna and Lonestar are still roaming around the wolf centre and are seen frequently. Since our soft

approaches with live traps so far have not succeeded in their job, we will now step up our efforts," he wrote.

To date no charges have been laid by the OPP and Schleifenbaum would not comment on whether or not the police had any leads.

Three of the four wolves have come back to the centre, but have not yet made their way into the compound.

"They are literally outside the fence. They want to come back in, we just have to give them the

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Echo freelancer wins CBC science writing challenge

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news and events worth noting

Haliburton cottager and *Haliburton Echo* freelance writer Janet Trull was given an honour last month by the CBC.

The retired teacher from Ancaster won the Close Encounters with Science writing challenge with her story, "The Science of Recess."

The short story revolves around school children learning about the world around them by getting their hands dirty.

"Science in the classroom for me was a disaster ... but the observations I have made in the natural world have taught me that I am a speck in the universe," Trull told Canada Writes in an interview.

Trull told the *Echo* she was surprised by the good news.

You can read all of the stories, including Trull's here: <http://www.cbc.ca/books/canadawrites/2012/12/we-have-a-winner-close-encounters-with-science.html>.

Operation Christmas Child sends hundreds of boxes

The Haliburton area gave big to the Operation Christmas Child shoebox program in 2012. According to organizers, 472 gift-filled shoeboxes were sent from the area.

The shoeboxes had gifts for children from around the world.



Watch the corners

A single-vehicle accident left a car on its roof at the corner of Dysart Ave. and Highway 118 in Haliburton close to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 23. The driver was charged by the OPP with an improper right turn under the Highway Traffic Act. Submitted

No life-threatening injuries in snowmobile-car accident

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Highlands East firefighters were busy on Dec. 30 after a multi-vehicle crash sent one car into a passing snowmobile.

The accident occurred on Loop Road near Harcourt at about 4 p.m., said fire chief Bill Wingrove.

"It was cold, wet and slippery," said the fire chief about conditions surrounding the accident.

Firefighters closed down the road and snowmobile trail for three hours, rerouting traffic through Mumford Road.

The department responded with eight firefighters at the accident scene.

"It was a T-bone accident. One vehicle started spinning and the other one hit them broadside."

Those involved in the accident were sent to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to Wingrove.

"One car was completely totalled, it was hit so hard it was knocked right into the snowmobile trail," said the fire chief.

It is unclear at this time if alcohol was involved, said Wingrove. The fire chief even took a dog that was in one of the vehicles to a veterinarian in Bobcaygeon, near the animal's home, to be treated.

"He was fine. He was a good dog, he enjoyed the ride," said Wingrove.

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The Bird's legacy in lives touched

➤ Wren Blair was responsible for starting Hockey Haven, which not only taught youth hockey skills, but life skills

Darren Lum
 Staff reporter

Great legacies never die and are the testament of great men.

Wren Blair, "The Bird," has one of these great legacies. He died in a nursing home in Oshawa last Wednesday at the age of 87.

Blair's memory is not only rooted in his contributions to hockey including coaching both junior and National Hockey League teams, but also for the way he touched lives in the place he loved as much as hockey, Haliburton.

Blair's list of achievements includes discovering Bobby Orr, who was signed to the Oshawa Generals and went on to be an elite defenceman for the Boston Bruins.

Jim Gregory considered Blair a brother and said he could be boisterous, excitable, stern, but fair.

Blair was a caring parent to children Danny and Jill, who Gregory credits with caring for her father in his final days.

"Anybody who knew him [would say he was] someone who worked incessantly and loved challenges and was certainly somebody who used all his emotions to get done what he wanted. And sometimes that included getting off-centre and boisterous, but that was Wren," he said.

Gregory is proud of the work they did in Haliburton. They established the Haliburton Youth Development, which created Haliburton Hockey Haven on Koshlong Lake and developed and built the PineStone Inn and Country Club. Gregory said the PineStone was built to accommodate visitors to the hockey camp and despite selling it in the 1990s it is still a source of pride.

"It turned out to be an unbelievable place and still is," he said.

Gregory continues to cottage in the area and is regularly reminded about his effect through Hockey Haven.

"Everywhere I go I get people coming up to me and say, 'I went to Haliburton Hockey Haven 35 or 40 years ago.' It's pretty nice," he said.

Local writer and hockey historian Charlie Teljeur, who is working on a one-hour TV documentary *There Is Something In The Water*, interviewed Blair last year and was left awe-inspired.

"He wasn't just a local legend. This was the man who found and signed Bobby Orr. He put Haliburton on the map quite literally with the Hockey Haven. It was Wren who convinced Jim Gregory to hatch the combined hockey school/camp idea here. That was revolutionary. Hockey schools at the time were just eight to four, with daily drop offs. Wren wanted the kids to have the full camp experience. Learn hockey, learn life." It was known Blair wasn't well recently, but Teljeur saw strength in him even in his weakened state.

"Even though Wren's body was broken in his last years, his mind was still very sharp (you will see that in the documentary). We take great honour in being able to tell his

story here. People should know how great a man he was and more so how much he loved Haliburton. He talked about it in glowing terms," he said.

Blair loved Haliburton and spent entire summers here visiting with grandparents Joseph and Edith Blair. He virtually lived in his swimsuit, spending time with cousins Berneice (Stewart), Ruby (Cooper), Joe Jr., Glen and Beryl (Moon) swimming in Soyers Lake.

"I think it's important to stress how well known he was in the hockey world, not just the Haliburton hockey world but it was the connection to this place that rang true the most. Even informally during the interview he would ask about the place and the people here." Teljeur admits saying Blair touched a lot of people sounds cliché, but in his case it was true. Through Hockey Haven there were hundreds of children each week over eight weeks for 24 years learning to be better hockey players, but, more importantly, better people.

"Thousands of kids learned hockey and life skills through that place. Every one of them I've talked to about the camp holds those memories very dear. What a great legacy. What a great man," he said.

Former referee-in-chief of the NHL and former chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame Scotty Morrison, who now calls Haliburton home, remembers Blair for his humour, his competitive fire for hockey and his superstition.

"They were playing St. Louis in the Stanley Cup playoffs and I guess he just got in. I saw him ... with two hamburgers. [I asked] Nice going. Pretty expensive pre-game meal. He said, 'Scotty, I just got in.' They won that game. Two nights later I go by and there's Wren, same place, same hamburgers and said, 'Wren?' He said, 'Scotty, you know me. I'm superstitious. The last time I was here with the hamburgers. I've got to do the same thing tonight.' We just laughed," he said.

Many years ago in the NHL Morrison recalls: "He was mad at his team. They came in the room and Wren was balling them out. He went into his office and slammed the door. The door locked. The buzzer goes to start the second period. The players said, 'Aw, leave him in there.' Finally, the trainer had to go back. He said, 'Look he'll kill me [if I don't let him out]! I saw him walking up and down behind the bench and giving it to the players," he said. "That was the fun side to Wren. He was always very serious about the game and could take a joke and could give a joke."

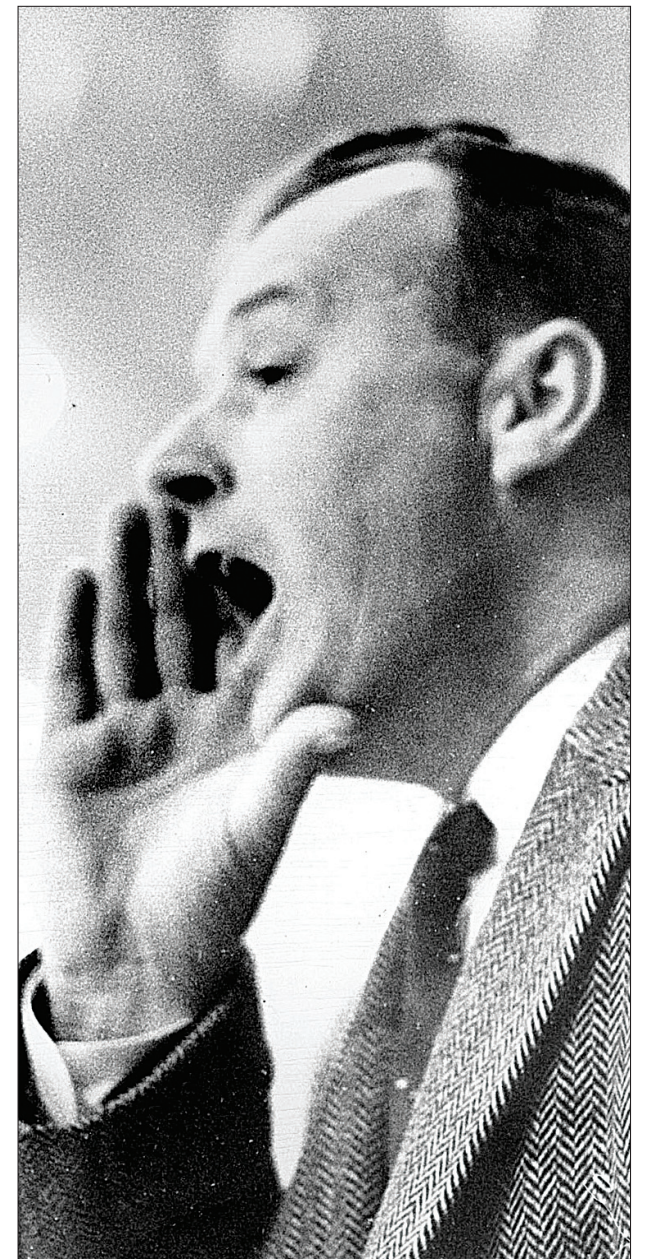
When interviewed by the *Echo* several years ago about his greatest achievement, Blair offered these: building PineStone, managing the Minnesota North Stars (former NHL team), winning the world championships with the Whitby Dunlops in 1958 (predating the Summit Series against the Soviet Union hockey team), returning the Oshawa Generals to Oshawa (then winning the memorial cup in four years), two Turner Cups, two international cups in 1975 and 1981 and 13 championship teams.

Gregory couldn't and didn't want to focus on one achievement for his old friend.

"If you try and pinpoint one thing you'd leave out something important," he said. "When you're close to somebody you just look at the things that are positive. I don't have any negative feelings about Wren. We got along splendidly. We certainly had our disagreements. That happens in every life." Like his friend, Blair couldn't settle on one achievement as the best, regarding it as "unfair."

"And don't think I don't know that's a blessing," he said.

Wren Blair wrote and released a book *The Bird* with Ron Brown and Jill Blair in 2002. It is a candid autobiography of his entire life that includes his experience in the army.



Wren Blair, who was a fiery competitor, shouts from the bench in the 1960s.

OPP search for missing Haliburton man

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Seven OPP officers and a canine were searching for John Finch in the area of Lakeview Street and Pine Avenue on Jan. 4.

The Central Region Emergency Response Team was looking for the 65-year-old man who had been missing since Dec. 24, when he was last seen by family near his home on Lakeview Street in Haliburton Village, according to the OPP.

John was reported missing by a family member on Dec. 30.

Described as having grey hair, brown eyes, measuring five-foot-nine and weighing about 150 pounds, John lived at 41 Lakeview St. with his wife Judy.

Judy said it was she who contacted the police about her missing husband.

Married for 10 years, Judy said she has contacted friends and family members, none of whom know where John is. The pair do not have any children.

John and his wife are both retired.

Kevin Finch hasn't spoken to his brother John in about a year, but he believes it was his wife who last spoke to John on the phone on Dec. 24.

"It's hard to really say what's going on ... it's just kind of weird that he's missing," said Kevin.

Family members have been seeking assistance from the public by posting information on Facebook, said Kevin.

At this point in the investigation the OPP have no reason to believe foul play has occurred, said Const. Sandy Adams of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment in an email.

Neither the police nor the family are aware of any mental health problems with John.

Those who have information about Finch are being asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Information can also be given to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or by email at www.khcs.ca.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police Central Region Emergency Response Team talk to the neighbours of John Finch on Jan. 4. Finch was reported missing on Dec. 30. The team was searching for clues in the investigation in the area surrounding his home at 41 Lakeview St.

Horse lost and found in Harcourt

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Tammy Donaldson got a belated Christmas present this year.

The owner of South Algonquin Trails in Harcourt and her husband lost one of their new horses on Dec. 28.

The next day the 10-year-old female horse, Ali, was found safe and sound near Linkerts Bakery in Wilberforce.

New to the Donaldson's, Ali arrived at the horseback riding business on Dec. 15, said Donaldson.

The horse's owners realized she had disappeared during the early morning hours of the 28th after they noticed damage to a fence.

"She took the whole electric fence down. She was with one other horse that was new too ... they're both dominant mares and I'm not sure why she left. Maybe the other one was more dominant than her and told her to leave," said Donaldson.

She posted the news on social media website Facebook right away, asking for help from friends and neighbours who might have spotted Ali.

Describing her as a friendly draft cross horse, the light brown animal would likely be near a deer feeder or a bale of hay with a loose halter on her, said Donaldson's Facebook post.

"She went down the side of the road from Harcourt to Wilberforce and then she turned around and her tracks disappear under the plowing of the snow," wrote Donaldson.

Upon hearing a horse was missing, Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove went out searching for Ali, but was unsuccessful.

"I thought how hard could it be to lose a horse?" he joked.

The next morning Wingrove received a phone call from someone who claimed to have a horse in her yard.

The owners eventually found Ali after their neighbour reported seeing the horse on the road in Wilberforce.

"I took the trailer down and picked her up on Tall Pine Road," said Donaldson, happy to have her horse back.

The damaged fence has since been repaired by the Donaldsons, who have moved Ali to a different group of horses.

"She seems to be much happier with them."

The Donaldsons have 22 horses in total at their business. This isn't the first time one has escaped from their property. "It didn't turn out as good [as Ali] though, because he had fallen in the neighbour's pond in February," said Donaldson.

South Algonquin Trails in Harcourt lost the newest member of their family, Ali, on Dec. 28. The female horse was found safe the next day near Linkerts Bakery in Wilberforce.





Peterborough OPP spokesman Iain McEwan, left, speaks with a member of the OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit as police recovered the body of a 27-year-old Owen Sound woman from Eels Lake north of Peterborough Monday afternoon. Dana Sue Cranwell drowned after the Jeep she was riding in broke through the water at about 12:15 a.m. Her brother, 29-year-old Timothy Patrick Cranwell, was the driver and faces multiple charges including impaired driving causing death. **Galen Eagle**
QMI Agency

Drowning victim identified, brother charged

Galen Eagle
QMI Agency

Braving the icy, moving currents of Eels Lake on Monday afternoon, an OPP dive team recovered the body of an Owen Sound woman who drowned after the Jeep she was riding in plunged through the ice.

Dana Sue Cranwell, 27, drowned in the early morning hours Dec. 31 after she was unable to escape from the submerged vehicle, police said.

Her brother, 29-year-old Timothy Patrick Cranwell, of Bancroft, was the driver of the vehicle and has been charged with impaired driving causing death, driving a motor vehicle with a blood/alcohol level exceeding the legal limit causing death and dangerous driving causing death.

He remains in custody and is to appear in court for a bail hearing in Peterborough on Friday.

Ms. Cranwell was one of two passengers in the late-model jeep who got into the vehicle after her brother was "joyriding" on the family cottage property at about 12:15 a.m., OPP spokesman Iain McEwan said.

The driver took the jeep out onto the ice and spun it around in circles before it broke through the ice and sunk in more than 30-feet of water, police said.

Area residents said the lake has a swift current and would not have been thick enough to support a vehicle. McEwan echoed those comments.

"It's not very thick. He shouldn't have gone on the ice at all," McEwan said. "It would be hazardous, I believe, for a person to be walking on the ice, let alone a vehicle."

The driver and the other passenger, an 18-year-old man, escaped the Jeep but Ms. Cranwell was unable to get out as the vehicle sank. The temperature at the time would have been about -6 C.

Ms. Cranwell worked at an advertising agency in Springmount, Ont., just south of Owen Sound, called Avenue A.

She had worked there for two years as a project manager, said Jason Nagel, executive director of the company.

Twelve people work at the agency, he said, and the group was to meet Wednesday to discuss the situation. Cranwell was the mother of three young kids, he said.

"It's not good news," he said.

Nagel said he heard of Cranwell's death Monday. The company had closed for the holidays.

Police who arrived shortly after the Jeep broke through the ice were concerned about unsafe ice conditions and postponed the search until the arrival of the OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit.

Dry suit wearing OPP divers entered the water after cutting holes in the lakes about 50 metres from the shore at about 11 a.m., police said. Officers recovered the body at about 2 p.m.

The shoreline near the Cranwell property was located on a private cottage road and news media were not being allowed passage.

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Into the wild

HALIBURTON MADE headlines last week after four grey wolves from Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve were released from their enclosure.

Two layers of fence were ripped open. The results have been disastrous.

Since their release on Dec. 31, wolf centre owner Peter Schleifenbaum, his family and the centre's staff have been desperately trying to lure the animals back in with food.

They've been seen on the roadway, other people's properties and one was likely shot and killed.

No one yet knows why the fence was cut, though theories abound regarding animal rights groups, someone coveting a wolf pelt or directionless trouble-makers.

As the OPP and the Forest staff search for the culprit(s), discussion has focused on the ethics of keeping these animals captive.

Some believe the wolves are better off in the wild.

Setting aside its illegality, releasing the wolves is one of the worst things someone who cares about the animals could do.

Back in 1995, the wolf centre was created to house a pack of wolves being kept in Michigan by wildlife photographer Jim Wuepper.

Thinking about the pack's long-term

welfare, Wuepper and Haliburton Forest came to an agreement to move them to Haliburton, where a 15-acre natural enclosure was created. The wolves were kept unsocialized with minimal interaction with humans.

The centre is now an educational hub where people can glimpse grey wolves as well as learn about them.

Myths about their viciousness, which has often led to their demise at the hands of humans, are dispelled through videos and displays throughout.

And while the wolves seem

like they are wild, they aren't, which is why last week's events are so disturbing. Humans feed the wolves daily; the animals have no experience finding sustenance in the forest. They aren't tame, but they also aren't truly wild.

If a wolf was shot, as Schleifenbaum believes, in all likelihood it's because it lacks natural instincts to flee from humans.

We don't know why the wolves were let out. Perhaps it had nothing to do with animal rights and was all about vandalism. But the situation has brought out a deeper argument about whether animals should be held captive.

It's a useful argument to have in the abstract, but when it's applied to our local wolf centre, this pack is better kept protected.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Snowscape

photo by Chad Ingram

The company you keep

"SATSANGA," in Sanskrit language, means "the company of the wise" and is considered the way to attaining the absolute good in our lives.

Another way of looking at it is to consider the idea that the company of good people/beings that we keep, acts as an antidote for all the things that pull us away from our own joy, our own inherent goodness, from feeling we are connected, we belong, we matter and our actions make a difference.

I've always thought that if people measured my value by the company I keep, I would be considered a "bazillionaire." Just after Christmas, a friend was visiting and was in awe of our bird feeder (it is a dandy this year thanks to Carson Phillips – a student from JDHES who built it, and my husband who takes the time to create a space for the good company of birds to gather and eat outside our living room window). Throughout the holidays we have had hundreds of redpoles gathering at our feeders and it is a beautiful sight to behold. My friend Peter took some incredible close ups of these birds and when he showed me the pictures, they took my breath away.

These beautiful little beings are such good company. They are delightful, colourful and acrobatic as they flit around. And they sure can share the space. A girl can't help but feel happy in the company of these birds.

Sometimes good company can come in the form of a good book, or some beautiful music. And of course it can

come in the friends we have. Since 1989 my friends and I have been gathering to bring in the New Year at someone's home.



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from The Great Green Meadow

This year there were 23 adults and 13 kids ranging in age from four to 70-plus. Each year we gather and all bring really, really good food (seriously, really good food). We eat, we play games, we do puzzles, some years we walk, ski or toboggan, we do a gift exchange based on drawing names, we have a group journal we all write and draw in, we take pictures, we chat, we play music and sing

for hours and we bring in the New Year together.

Every year I feel like I start off the New Year with inspiring, caring, creative, generous and kind people and it sets the tone for the year to come.

We all need good company in our lives. I can't help but wonder if the people who broke into the wolf enclosure at the Haliburton Forest think about these kinds of ideas.

Those wolves have been together in that home for their entire lives. They are each other's good company in their own way.

It breaks my heart to think the male was probably killed and that the other wolves are trying to find their way back into the enclosure and to their home and pack. It is hard to understand why things like this, and other tragedies, happen.

One thing I do know is we all have to keep working for the good in our little ways in our own little lives. And everyone needs company in one way or another.



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My New Year's resolutions

LIKE MOST PEOPLE, on New Year's Eve I did a bit of soul searching and decided that a resolution or two might help me attain the kind of enlightenment that – should those believing in reincarnation be right – will turn me into a robin rather than a worm.

Coming up with something meaningful, however, something that would really benefit my fellow human and make the world a better place is no small thing.

It took literally minutes of thought before I decided.

But then it hit me. I would stop passing gas.

I reasoned that there are enough greenhouse emissions in this world and, if I did my part, perhaps climate change would be mitigated or even reversed in 2013.

Sadly, at 3:42 a.m. of Jan. 1, I lost my resolve – something I blame on the onion dip and a 50-year-old digestive tract.

I only mention this to illustrate there is no point in trying to reverse the tides or stop the rain from falling.

No, when settling on resolutions, there is no better way to go than with the stuff that's ridiculously easy to achieve.

That's why, this year I've decided to spend even more time enjoying the outdoors.

It will start with ice fishing, snowshoeing and rabbit hunting excursions this month.

I'll get out at least a few times for each.

The goal, as always, will not be success so much as time spent in a beautiful winter setting.

Once spring's greenery takes hold of the land and the ice leaves our lakes, I've promised myself to pass more time exploring and fishing the trout streams and beautiful lakes so close to home.

And, this time, I'll make a point of taking a camera along so I can share some of that beauty with those I know who are no longer able to visit these wonderful places.

I'll catch a few suckers too, so I can try canning them like the old folks around here used to do. And I'll definitely spend more time in the turkey woods, but it will be even more special because this year I plan to be beside my daughter when she gets her first bird.

Somewhere along the way she and I will go searching for morels like we always do and we'll marvel at the wildflowers too.

Come summer, I'll leave my boat behind a bit more and instead spend more time paddling a canoe while fly fishing for bass and crappie.

I'll hike more often, give Callie, my spaniel, a refresher course on hunting commands and visit the range to shoot the rifles and shotguns that make me happy. I was given a .222 this Christmas that I'm particularly eager to get to know.

And, though I don't want to wish the year to pass too quickly, I will say that when autumn finally revisits us, I'll be fully prepared to embrace it.

I'll spend September in goose fields, October with a long bow in hand stalking the deer woods and November sitting in a duck blind on big water with people I enjoy.

And then, when winter finally rolls around again and New Year's Eve approaches as Jenn and I sit on the couch reminiscing, I'll smile and say, "Pass the onion dip please."



Steve Galea
Loon Tales



pic of the past

Haliburton's Gren Schrader sent in this photo from when he worked at the telegraph office in Brantford, Ont. in 1952. On the desk is a portable telegraph sounder. When you wished to speak on the train dispatchers' phone, you depressed a foot treadle on the floor. "The railway linked the land, but the telegraph wired a nation," Schrader writes.

letters to the editor

Maple syrup, please

To the Editor,

I was in to downtown Haliburton for breakfast on a fine December Saturday morning with my friend. I was looking forward to a big breakfast at the local diner, which will remain nameless.

I was about to embark on a big job installing a new wood floor to my friend's recently purchased Haliburton homestead just 15 minutes away. As I sat there in the establishment, I saw on the menu just what I needed: eggs, bacon, hash browns, rye toast and pancakes ... mmm yum! Just what the doctor ordered before back-breaking work. When the ordered breakfast was delivered I was excited at the thought of fresh local Canadian maple syrup to smother my pancakes and make this breakfast perfect.

But alas, I was to be disappointed and shocked. No maple syrup? Did I hear that right? No fresh local Canadian maple syrup?

In the middle of Ontario's Highlands there's no fresh Canadian maple syrup?! I don't understand, was there a fire that destroyed all of the local maple farms? A flood, drought, locusts, or perhaps the bears knocked all the maple trees over?

Instead, dropped on the table was a plastic bottle of fake syrup made by a large American company. It said it was made by somebody's aunt, but I think not.

My breakfast cost \$10.99 and it didn't include one of our nation's treasured natural resources and major exports.

4Cs thanks

To the Editor,

If it is the case that a community is judged by how it responds to the disadvantaged within its borders, then the practical expressions of goodwill to the needy among us, channeled through the Christian Community Concern Centre (4Cs) at this season, attest to a level of neighbourliness that speaks well of the citizenry of Haliburton. If it is true, as it surely is, that to give is better than to receive then there are many folk (both individual and corporate) in our midst who have found much joy in being generous this Christmas.

We at the 4Cs have the privilege of receiving that generosity from the community and giving it to those who are financially disadvantaged. We are the last link in this chain of charity and thus we have the joy of adding a personal touch to the transaction and of receiving the thanks of the recipients. So we are twice blessed and it is our desire to direct that thanks back into the giving community.

It is my privilege to represent the approximately 50 volunteers (directors and staff) in expressing our appreciation for the resources we receive at Christmas and throughout the year that enable us to pursue our stated purpose to "relieve poverty in Haliburton County through the confidential operation of a food bank and to generally render assistance of a charitable nature to needy residents." May God "in whom we live and move and have our being" continue to so motivate us all during 2013.

Don Wood, Chairman
Christian Community Concern Centre

letters

I'll be back

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My sister owned a maple syrup farm years ago up in eastern Ontario near Kingston, and she would be outraged.

Maple syrup is one of the things that defines us, along with the weather, OHIP, caesars, Don Cherry and the ARGOS. So if this establishment wants to stay on the list, I suggest they add this missing staple of the Canadian diet to their menu, and fast. I'll be up again soon and I'll be checking up on them.

David Morrow
Toronto

Trueman wins lights contest

This year's Christmas lights contest winner is Peg Trueman of Maple Avenue in Haliburton.

Trueman's delicately decorated front porch garnered 54 votes in an online *Haliburton Echo* poll over the holidays.

Coming in second was the spectacular Essonville Line decorations of Larry and Ruth Strong.

Gerald and Krysta Sharp of Ridgeview Road took third place.

The prize was a year's subscription to the *Haliburton Echo*. Thank you to all who entered!

Concerned about wolves

To the Editor,

Great idea – free the wolves. Wolves that don't know how to hunt for themselves because they were born and raised at the wolf centre.

They are also hunted in this area. Hence one has been killed. They are hungry and confused.

If the person or persons who are responsible for this animal abuse are in support of "animal rights" I'd say you are seriously confused and should be ashamed of yourselves!

Sue Little
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Fire destroys shed on Miskwabi Lake Road

A fire on Miskwabi Lake Road destroyed a shed in the early hours of Jan. 3.

According to a release from the Dysart Fire Department, 10 firefighters arrived at 5 a.m. to a call at 1114 Miskwabi Lake Road.

"On arrival, the shed was completely destroyed and all contents were destroyed. No cause has been determined," the release says.

Damage is estimated at \$25,000.

Man charged in West Guilford collision

An 18-year-old Peterborough man was charged in relation to a collision Dec. 28 near West Guilford.

Around 10:15 a.m., the man, driving a Chevrolet Avalanche, made a left turn at the corner of County Road 7 and Highway 118.

His vehicle collided with the westbound Honda Pilot.

Three people were taken to Haliburton hospital, all with non-life-threatening injuries.

The man was charged with "left turn – fail to afford reasonable opportunity to avoid collision," according to the Ontario Provincial Police.

Snowmobiler sent to Sunnybrook

A snowmobiler was sent to Toronto's Sunnybrook hospital Dec. 22 after hitting a rock cut at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

According to the OPP, the incident happened at about 3:45 p.m.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor and police did not know the extent of the snowmobiler's injuries.



Fill the Truck

Re/Max North Country Realty Inc., Brokerage presents a cheque for \$500 to Murray Tripp of the Haliburton 4Cs. In addition to the cash donation Re/Max also donated 480 pounds of food during the "Fill the Truck With Food" Drive. Submitted by Heather Phillips



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Zero

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Anybody can do it.

Lea Kitler encourages everyone to go and grow something as a step towards becoming self-sufficient.

"I want people to realize they can do it," she said, referring to her efforts. Known as the zero-mile diet, this method of local eating is an offshoot of the 100-mile diet. This current trend (and possibly a new way of life for some) is rooted in the idea of the old ways: eating what you grow.

At first glance it looks easy for Kitler with a few acres for produce and chickens, goats and pigs to give her plenty of menu options while living at and running the Magnificent Hill farm. However the Highland Grove resident says anyone can do it, and points to her potted spinach, using a plastic grocery basket, as an example of a simple method anyone can use.

"There's no reason why we can't grow things just in pots on the balconies of our apartments," she said. "Once you start to see something come from it and taste it you'll realize that it's good stuff. It's not illegal to grow."

Kitler started on Nov. 1 with her 30-day attempt, which she has continued. This was a trial for a larger process of becoming self-sufficient, which began when she bought the property with her partner in 2002.

She continues to eat from a menu that includes almost only food grown on her property in Highlands East.

Kitler set out to learn (at the toughest time of the year with no options for freshly grown produce) how far off she is from being self-sufficient. Milk is one of the only things she buys now.

Grains and milk are on her shortlist for the next season. Right now she is shopping for a cow and plans to add grains next year, which was an omission in her zero-mile diet.

The challenge of the dry conditions this past year helped to shed light on what needs to be improved with her irrigation system.

Among Kitler's diet changes include having two meals per day with most of it in the form of proteins.

As a result, she lost seven pounds and gained energy.

When you grow your own food you know exactly what went into the soil, whether there were chemicals and gain the sense of satisfaction from eating the fruits of your labour, she said.

This diet also broke her of her daily desire for caffeine. Now she drinks tea locally grown boasting 17 varieties in her collection.

The menu included a lot of soups and stews, she said. This helped to reduce hydro usage.

Energy consumption was also on her agenda for becoming self-sufficient.

With grapes grown on site, there wasn't a lack of wine on the menu.

Kitler was encouraged by the process and surprised by the boost in her energy levels particularly with the two meals and the time of the year.

"I wanted to wake people up to ... do something," she said.

"Any little bit will help you. Will help the overall process, I think."

Kitler said she is far from having all the answers living up here.

The success was in the attempt.

"We certainly try and that's all people need to do," she said.

excuses for zero-mile diet

Highland Grove resident Lea Kitler shows some of the food available to her during her zero-mile diet challenge. Kitler, who started in November, said anyone can do it.

Photos by **Darren Lum**
Staff



Right, Kitler walks back to her home with her dog Oreo.



Left, Kitler feeds her chickens.

Education minister's announcement disappoints teachers

➤ Extracurricular activity ban likely to continue in response to minister

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Minister of Education Laurel Broten's decision to use Bill 115 and impose a contract on elementary teachers is being met with disbelief and disappointment.

President of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario Trillium Lakelands Elementary Teachers (TLDSB) Local, Steve Colliver says this has never happened in close to 100 years of the teachers' union's existence.

"I have been personally involved in bargaining for every single collective agreement ever reached between the TLDSB and its elementary teachers and all have been settled satisfactorily without the need for strike action," he said.

"Until now of course - the difference being that we have been allowed to negotiate with our employer in the past, and we are not allowed to do so under the provisions of Bill 115. The 'education premier' and his minister have managed to squander an entire decade of goodwill on the part of teachers in less than one year."

The imposed two-year contract terms will be based on agreements made with the Catholic teachers. This contract will freeze wages and eliminate bankable sick days expected to provide one-time savings of \$1.1 billion and limiting raises will save close to \$540 million over two years. This is supposed to help eliminate Ontario's \$14 billion deficit.

"I want to commend and congratulate those school boards and union locals who negotiated agreements that met our fiscal plan. Others will benefit from the terms of the negotiated agreement between the government and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association," Broten said in a press release.

"I would ask everyone, especially teachers, to look carefully at the agreements being brought forward today. Our teachers remain among the best paid in Canada and their benefits remain generous. Teaching continues to be a rewarding career for thousands of dedicated professionals, and we will continue to invest in young teachers and reward their academic achievements and experience.

"By working together, we can continue to

ensure Ontario schools are among the best in the world."

The education minister also announced the controversial bill will be repealed by month's end.

Colliver, who said repealing is an admission of the flawed nature of the bill, contends this is about the democratic right to bargain collectively and not about "pay raises" despite the minister's insistence.

"The minister's suggestion that the contracts she is imposing under Bill 115 are 'collective agreements' is ludicrous - there was never any attempt by the government to hold fair and respectful negotiations," he said.

"Her characterization of what she is imposing as 'fair and balanced' is merely self-congratulatory rhetoric," he said.

"Successful bargaining is done through the art of compromise - not the simple imposition of one side's will on the other.

"This government has made absolutely no attempt at negotiations through the former and has now taken the unprecedented step in legislating the latter."

As part of a response, ETFO president

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There was never any attempt by the government to hold fair and respectful negotiations. Her characterization of ... 'fair and balanced' is merely self-congratulatory rhetoric.

— *Steven Colliver, president of ETFO TLDSB local*

Sam Hammond has suggested on a morning radio show a one-day province wide political protest by its members may be held, but has not committed to whether it will be a school day or weekend.

The continued ban on extracurricular activities is also being considered, as is a court challenge.

Colliver said anyone who works should be concerned by the government's action.

"This simply paves the way for right-to-work (for less) legislation in our province," he said.



Last month elementary teachers in the area participated in rotating walkouts. file photo

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Health unit adds voice to concern over social assistance cuts

Jenn Watt
Editor

The local health unit has added its voice to a chorus of concern over changes to the province's social assistance coverage.

The Liberal government capped benefits at \$10 per case, per month for items such as eyeglasses, hearing aids and baby equipment, causing those in poverty to fall even further behind, a public health nurse with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit said.

Previously, those on social assistance had no cap on health-related so-called "discretionary benefits," which also includes dental care and subsidies for children's recreation.

Following the cut, the province allowed local municipalities to make up the difference if they wished - potentially causing a discrepancy between municipalities depending on which ones chose to pay.

In Haliburton, county council origi-

nally decided not to fill that gap and then later was presented with adjusted figures and reversed their decision for the coming year.

The entire scenario is unstable, public health nurse Kristina Nairn said, and brought her case to the health unit board which voted in mid December to send a resolution to all provincial parties, local MPPs and other political bodies asking that the funding be returned.

"When you offload to the municipalities, that's when the inequities start. One community, maybe they can do this right now, and one community can't," Nairn said.

The health board specifically pointed to four recommendations from a provincially commissioned review of the social assistance system called *Brighter Prospects* as being crucial to improving the system for local people.

They include maintaining services as they were and creating better measurements for how adequate social assistance payments are.



Snowmobile season starts up

Dan Busby took this photo of snowmobilers speeding across Head Lake in Haliburton on Sunday, Jan. 6. Snowmobilers are becoming more common the more snow and cold temperatures we get as the season starts up.

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Granite Cove's first residents talk about condo life in downtown Haliburton.

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One wolf believed dead at Forest

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opportunity to come back in," Schleifenbaum told the paper.

Staff are attempting to get them safely inside by luring them with food while trying to keep the other five wolves inside the enclosure, he said.

Two traps have been set up just outside the 15-acre wolf centre, one belonging to the Forest, the other to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The staff are unable to get close enough to the wolves to tranquilize them, as the untamed animals have not been socialized, according to a release by the Forest.

"Because we're dealing with unsocialized animals that are afraid of humans they don't approach us," said Schleifenbaum.

In the meantime the owner believes one wolf from the compound has been shot, killed and removed by a passing motorist.

Staff at Haliburton Forest drove past the wolf centre during the afternoon of Jan. 1, discovering a trail of blood about 200 metres north of the centre.

"It was removed, we just saw the clear evidence ... we know our wolves and are 99.999 per cent certain," Schleifenbaum told the paper.

Suspecting the incident happened sometime between 10:20 a.m. and 4 p.m., Schleifenbaum believes it was Haida, the alpha male of the wolf pack, that was shot.

The wolf centre had all wolves accounted for up until it closed at 5 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Before 7 p.m. that same day, snowmobilers at the Forest saw wolves running around outside the centre, at which point Schleifenbaum was notified.

The incident occurred sometime between 5 and 7 p.m. according to the OPP.

The compound is surrounded by a double fence, with the inside chain link fence 10-feet high and the outside measuring 12-feet high.

"We soon discovered that we still had wolves inside the enclosure and that it was not a tree that had miraculously smashed two fences but deliberate action by humans, who had cut large holes into both the inside and outside enclosures," the release says.

The owner believes the damage was done by an animal rights organization, as the evidence leads to a clear, planned attack, he said.

"That's what everything points to ... this was scouted out before."

This is the first time an incident of this nature has occurred at the Forest and staff were not given any tip-offs ahead of the incident.

"We didn't have any communication, we didn't have any threats or anything like that," said Schleifenbaum.

The holes in the fence have since been patched up by staff.

The wolves that belong to the centre were born and raised in captivity, with no experience in hunting or fending for themselves. The centre feeds the animals with dead carcasses.

The four wolves that left the compound include Haida, Granite, Luna and Lonestar.

The absence of the alpha pair will leave the remaining pack of wolves in turmoil, said Schleifenbaum in the release.

Staff members are hoping to get the three wolves into the compound as soon as possible, to avoid the animals becoming comfortable in the wild and therefore less likely to be lured by food.

While Schleifenbaum doesn't expect the wolves to pose a threat to the public, he does raise concern about their increasing hunger.

"They will approach local cottages as we expect them to look for food such as suet balls, garbage and even attempt



Angelica Blenich Staff

Laila is one of the five wolves still inside the 15-acre wolf centre at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. Four wolves escaped on Dec. 31 after holes were cut into the surrounding fences of the compound. One wolf has been since shot, according to the Forest. Haliburton OPP are continuing to investigate the incident.

to approach the odd small pet," he wrote in the release.

Open since 1996, the wolf centre operates to promote education and research, according to their website.

The centre includes an observation area where visitors can see the wolves and their feeding area. It will continue to be open and operating during the investigation.

Staff members are concerned about a similar incident happening and are welcoming any information or help from the public.

Schleifenbaum is hopeful public interest will bring an end to the investigation.

"It's a very interesting story, it strikes a chord with people ... the death of Haida put an extra [sad] spin on the whole story."

Those with any information about the investigation are being encouraged to contact the Haliburton OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477 or emailing at www.khcs.ca.

Any wolves believed to belong to the wolf centre should be reported to the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve by calling 705-754-2198.



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Beech bark disease sweeping the county

Jenn Watt
Editor

In 10 years' time, maybe sooner, almost all of the beech trees in Haliburton County will be dead, dying or gnarled.

According to Ministry of Natural Resources researchers, beech bark disease is making a rapid sweep of the province's forests killing trees.

In this county, many stands already have the disease, which is actually a deadly insect-fungus duo that reduces the trees' natural resistance and infects its bark with circular cankers.

The disease has travelled so quickly, both researchers and local foresters struggle to keep up with almost no hope to stop the spread.

"The more you look, the more you find. It's a serious disease in Haliburton County," says James Munn, a forestry technician with Bancroft Minden Forest Company.

Munn works on Crown land and said upwards of 85 per cent of the forests he's seen in the northwest of the county as well as around the Cardiff area have the disease.

"It appears to be coming from the west to the east," he said.

Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of the 80,000-acre Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, said the disease is in his forest, too.

"I would imagine it's throughout Haliburton County," he said.

"The scientists tell us that 99 per cent of the beech will die," he said. "We're preparing to lose all of our beech over the next 10 years."



The disease hasn't been in Ontario for very long. We don't know how it's going to work and what the consequences are going to be.

— Sylvia Greifenhagen, research forester

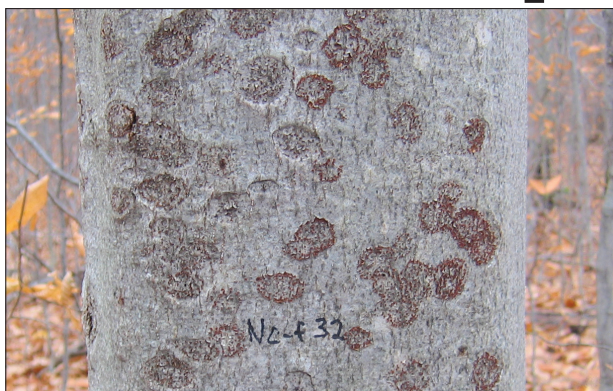
Schleifenbaum has changed his plan for Haliburton Forest, choosing to remove the beech while the tree is still usable. That said, beech, with its grey-coloured grain, isn't in high demand.

"There isn't that much made out of beech," Schleifenbaum said. "It doesn't have a very stunning colour like white maple or orange cherry."

He speculates that because beech isn't popular, fewer people are concerned about beech bark disease, which has received little attention in Ontario.

But its effect on the ecosystem should cause concern.

Beechnuts are food for bears, deer and birds and provide habitat for cavity-nesting birds, MNR scientists say.



A fungus grows on the bark of a beech tree. Beech bark disease is quickly moving across Ontario with most forests in Haliburton County thought to be affected.

Submitted by John McLaughlin, MNR

Sylvia Greifenhagen, research forester with the Ontario Forest Research Institute of the MNR, said it's hard for her to predict what the outcome of the disease will be, given its rapid spread.

"The disease hasn't been in Ontario for very long. We don't know how it's going to work and what the consequences are going to be," she said.

They can look to the East Coast, where beech bark disease has been for more than 50 years and where the trees that remain are pockmarked and sickly.

There has been some success in the States with selective harvesting to promote the few disease-resistant beech trees, but so far no one has found a way to prevent spread.

Beech bark disease involves a European insect called a "beech scale," introduced to North America in the 1890s, which eats tree bark and lives in the tree.

Scale injures the bark enough to open it up to the second part of the disease, a canker fungus.

Once infected, the tree will live another few years at most.

Minden Area Fish and Wildlife Council chairwoman Kim Roberts has seen the disease in action on her property.

Roberts thinks it's more widespread than most people think because it's not easy to spot.

"I don't think people are aware of the disease," Roberts said.

"It's very inconspicuous in the bush because of our forest being so heavily populated with other species."

The wind blows the scale insect from tree to tree, so once it's in a forest, it spreads easily.

"We found one in our bush here about a month ago," Roberts said. "When it goes, the fungus on it looks like shaving cream that has gone dry. ... We went back maybe two weeks later and the tree was laying on the ground."

Roberts is a hunter and sees potential food sources for bears disappearing along with the beeches. She worries it will hurt the population and cause more bears to visit homes and cottages for food rather than staying in the woods.

Forestry consultant Peter McElwain sees another problem: public safety.

"It's a huge safety hazard for anyone who recreationally uses property," said McElwain, who has been in forestry for 33 years.

Infected trees fall over and their branches fall off. In a stand with a high number of beech trees, driving an all-terrain vehicle down a forest path might not be as safe as it once was.

Like his colleagues, McElwain is having a hard time keeping up with beech bark disease.

"We are experiencing our own difficulties in managing it and getting a handle on ... how it's spreading, how fast it's spreading, how fast [it progresses] from the beech scale to the beech bark disease," he said.

His goal with his company Forest Design is to diversify forests with a high concentration of beech trees and to advise clients on how to deal with their beech trees once the disease hits.

"You don't want people to think you have to go and cut all of your beech trees," he said.

In fact, some may be resistant to the disease and those should be kept.

Because beech trees are worth little, McElwain said many property owners may want to allow them to die naturally or chop them up for firewood.

"It's not as simple as going in and salvaging the beech," he said. "If you had to construct a road to access that timber, it would not be feasible to do that."

Replacing beech trees is an imperfect science.

"Black cherry and red oak are the two other main mast [food] producers that could replace the wildlife component," he said.

The problem is, McElwain said, those trees don't flourish where beech does.

While beech tolerates the shade, black cherry and oak do not. Beech tends to grow in deeper soil, while the other trees like rocky sites.

"They're not a perfect fit," he said.

What upsets McElwain the most is how blindsided everyone has been by the disease.

"We feel disappointed that somebody's let us down ... Why were we not informed that it was coming and the destruction it would have?" he asks.

Schleifenbaum sees the disease as another wave of what has become a regular tide of invasive species in Ontario.

While beech bark disease spreads on its own, transportation of firewood from southern Ontario to cottage country and beyond has certainly accelerated its movement.

Schleifenbaum said in order to prevent more diseases and species from entering our ecosystem, people must stop transporting plants, soil and firewood from other places to Haliburton County.

"They shouldn't bring soil from their suburban gardens," he said.

Although scientists aren't holding out hope for Ontario's beech trees, public awareness is still necessary, Greifenhagen maintains.

"It's always helpful to have the public aware of it - tracking where it is, how bad it is," she said, reiterating that firewood should never be brought into a new area.

She hopes that study of resistant trees will lead to the preservation of some of Ontario's beech.

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Granite Cove welcomes first residents

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Ray and Eleanor Lymer feel right at home. The Haliburton couple, both 76, were the first to move into Granite Cove, a condominium complex overlooking Head Lake Park in Haliburton Village.

The Lymers moved into the building on Oct. 1, relocating from their house just up the street on Sunnyside Avenue.

"We're quite familiar with the area. We liked it here because of the hospital, the clinic, the town, the pace, that's all part of it. That's why we stayed and up until this building came, where could we go?" asked Ray.

The Lymers were interested in the development right from day one because of the location and convenience factors.

"We were in on the ground floor, we didn't miss out on this one. We didn't want to be second in line," said Ray.

Frequenting the area since the 1960s, the former cottagers have been living full-time in the county for the past 18 years.

"It's a nice place to retire," said Ray, who used to work for General Motors.

When plans for Granite Cove were first introduced to the community by the developers the Lymers instantly fell in love with the design of the building.

Constructed using insulating concrete form, the building offers a quiet living space where tenants like the Lymers don't even hear their neighbours.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Granite Cove residents from left, Doris Pierson, Eleanor and Ray Lymer, are some of the first tenants to move into the condominium complex in Haliburton Village. Living in the building since the fall, the seniors enjoy living in town close to amenities.



I was there the first day they put the shovel in the ground.

— Ray Lymer
tenant

Doris Pierson, 82, moved into the building on Oct. 23 from her place on Eagle Lake, where she lived for 27 years with her husband Gord before he passed away a year ago.

"This is what he wanted for me," said Doris.

It was Gord who got in touch with local developer Peter Brady about the possibility of moving to Granite Cove, said Doris.

"He wanted to make sure Doris was in the place that she wanted," said Brady.

It was through the help of family and friends that Doris embraced the change in lifestyle and moved into the building on her own.

"There's a lot of upkeep to the cottage and I wouldn't

want to have to do it alone," said Doris.

An avid skier, Doris is active in the community, not unlike many of the building's residents, who primarily consist of retirees.

Tenants are still moving into the building, which includes 30 units and features an underground heated garage.

The building also includes a meeting room equipped with a small kitchenette.

Friends and family members of those living in the building have been both impressed with the amenities and atmosphere of the condominium.

"Our daughter-in-law saw it on the weekend and couldn't believe the size and space we have," said Ray.

"I have had a lot of friends come in just to see the place and they felt when they walked in like it was a home," said Doris.

Brady and the developers already have their sights set on a new building, Granite View, also to be located in Haliburton Village.

Throughout the construction process residents like Ray have been consistently impressed with the developers, citing their availability and friendliness.

"I was there the first day they put the shovel in the

ground," said Ray.

"I think you were on the site every day," joked Brady.



Situated on the shore of Head Lake, Granite Cove opened its doors to condo owners in the fall of 2012. The building includes 30 units and an underground heated garage.

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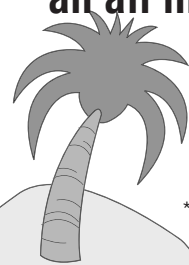
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Safe snowmobiling starts at home

The Ontario Provincial Police and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs are reminding riders that a snowmobile can quickly take you away from areas where services, communities and emergency assistance are easily accessible or available.

Responsible snowmobilers take charge of their own safety and well-being by preparing their sled, gear and equipment before the first ride of the season. In addition to getting properly trained and knowing the law, there are other factors to consider when getting ready for safe snowmobiling:

Service your sled - Avoid breakdowns that can leave you stranded by having your sled professionally serviced before

your first ride.

Carry a repair kit - Ensure that you have either the sled manufacturer's tool kit or one of your own on board, including owner's manual, spare belt and spark plugs.

Inspect your gear and equipment - Make sure that everything still fits and works properly, and that nothing is missing before you head out.

Prepare for first aid - Pre-assembled first aid kits can be found at outdoor stores and online and so can information about first aid courses.

Get a survival kit - Any unexpected day or night spent out in the cold will be easier with assistance from a good survival kit, found at outdoors stores and online, including

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Go high tech - Devices like GPS, cellphones, satellite phones and SPOT Personal Trackers can be very useful in avoiding or dealing with emergency situations.

Contact companions - Snowmobiling is more fun with riding buddies, and safer too, so avoid riding alone by getting in touch with friends and family who can join you on the trails.

Review safety tips - As experienced as you may be, it's always smart to renew your familiarity with your sled's safety manual and the Safe Riders messaging on the OFSC website ofsc.on.ca>safety.

Submitted by the OPP

More impaired drivers this year than in previous campaigns

Despite continued warnings that the Ontario Provincial Police would be as visible as ever during their Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign, the OPP is disappointed that the number of motorists charged with impaired driving over the holidays is the highest it has been when compared to the last eight campaigns (from 2005 to present).

This year's Festive RIDE campaign was conducted from Nov. 24 to Jan. 2 and OPP RIDE stops were set up around the clock throughout the province as OPP officers worked diligently to take impaired drivers off Ontario roads.

Over the five-and-a-half week campaign, OPP officers charged 693 people with having a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over 0.08 (or more than 80 milligrams). Officers also issued a total of 625 warn range suspensions to motor-

ists caught driving with a BAC between 0.05 and 0.08 (or between 50 and 80 milligrams).

During last year's campaign (2011-2012), OPP officers charged 682 motorists with impaired driving and issued a warn range suspension to 583 drivers. According to the OPP, there is no excuse for the number of impaired drivers being on the rise and it is a simple matter of people continuing to make bad decisions that impact public safety over the holidays.


"We had hoped to see these numbers decrease significantly during this year's campaign, in light of how much harder we have worked to educate the public about the dangers of drinking and driving," said OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis. "Impaired driving continues to be the leading cause of criminal death in Canada and it is disappointing

that we still have Ontario drivers who feel entitled to place other road users at risk of losing their lives to an impaired driver," Lewis added.

"In light of these Festive RIDE statistics, we will be as committed as ever in 2013 to incorporating the high visibility, professional traffic stops, public education and measurable outcomes supported by our provincial traffic safety program, in our ongoing effort to reduce impaired driving on Ontario roads," said Chief Superintendent Don Bell, Commander of the OPP Highway Safety Division.

The OPP is reminding the public that they will continue to conduct RIDE stops throughout the year on Ontario roads.

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OBJECTIVE	BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT					COMMUNITY INNOVATION	
PRIORITY	Skills Development	Youth Internships	Non-Youth Internships	Business Planning and Market Expansion	Innovation & Information and Communication Technology	Local Initiatives	Community Capacity Building
TOTAL	\$90,000	\$175,000		\$70,000	\$50,000	\$141,200	\$232,600
MAXIMUM	Up to 25,000/business 5,000 per individual	Up to 30,000/year 2,500 per month	Up to 30,000/year 2,500 per month	Up to 5,000	Up to 50,000	Up to 10,000	Up to 100,000
DESCRIPTION	Development and training for employees and owners	To provide recent graduates of college or university graduates with work experience	To provide adults 30 years of age and older with new career opportunities	To assist with research, planning and market expansion	To assist with the implementation of information and communication technologies to increase participation in the knowledge based economy	To support engagement in community economic development projects.	To support innovative initiatives that have the potential of making a significant impact on economic development in Haliburton County.
MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE OF CONTRIBUTION TOWARD ELIGIBLE COSTS – NOTE: For Community Innovation Projects for Not for Profits and Social Enterprises – Recipient must contribute a minimum of 20% - with a minimum of 10% in cash, and a maximum of 10% in-kind contributions							
Not-for-profit organizations	N/A	100%	100%	N/A	N/A	Up to 80% 10% in kind 10% in cash	Up to 80% 10% in kind 10% in cash
Social Enterprises	50%	100%	100%	75%	75%	Up to 80%	Up to 80%
Municipalities	N/A	50%	50%	N/A	N/A	Up to 80%	Up to 50%
Businesses	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	N/A	Up to 50%
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS	April 15, 2013	January 31, 2013	January 31, 2013	April 15, 2013	January 31, 2013	March 1, 2013	March 15, 2013

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Darren Lum Staff

From top left, Scott LaRue, who played junior hockey for years before starting and running the Haliburton Huskies with father Albert, holds the puck he scored at Maple Leaf Gardens; LaRue scans his walls adorned with photos, plaques and trophies related to his involvement in the community, including the years he played and coached in hockey; LaRue has a lot less hair than when he stood with the Haliburton Huskies for a team photo more than 40 years ago, but the memory remains, full and vivid.

Husky's heart for game never dies

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The love never dies no matter how many years pass.

And even if the National Hockey League lockout persisted for an entire season in Canada there will always be hockey.

It's our game and a rite of passage for many.

At the Dysart Arena there might not be any ice, but it is busy with the ongoing renovations and upgrades scheduled for completion early this year.

Memories of past Haliburton Huskies joyful celebrations for a time and a team are never forgotten, particularly by Haliburton residents such as Scott LaRue, who helped run the team with his father Albert decades ago.

The arena has been renamed to honour the efforts of his father to have the arena built. It is now adorned by professional athletes Mike Bradley, Bernie Nicholls, Ron Stackhouse, Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson. He remembers his father calling everybody for funding the construction.

LaRue has lived virtually his entire life in Haliburton and up until several years ago was a fixture at the rink. He is synonymous with hockey, particularly the Huskies who were a well-respected and popular team in the Ontario Hockey Association.

Once upon a time Haliburton stood on top of the Ontario Midget hockey world with the Haliburton Huskies, as they captured the Ontario junior D championship in front of cheering hometown fans at the Dysart Arena on Saturday,

May 1, 1971. Like a fairy tale, the team went from nothing to the unforgettable championship celebration all in a matter of years. They fought to get into the OHA league and quickly became a hockey power on the ice and off, drawing close to 400 people for regular season games and 700 for playoff games.

LaRue remembers those years with the Huskies like it was yesterday, pointing at the living room walls in his basement adorned by photos and trophies. He can still see the players celebrating in his living room.

The affable man, barely five-foot-six, who is quick to smile, ran the team with his dad for seven years before it was taken over by the town. He's proud of the record on the ice as much as how the team was run for its players and its fans.

"I'm proud of that part of it," he said, referring to his players as "all around citizens."

The team drew the most fans in the entire league, capping off the 1970-1971 season with close to 1,500 at the championship game.

"I remember there were 1,474 paid people in that arena if you can believe it," he said.

Legendary goalie Johnny Bower, who was helping at the Hockey Haven, came to the game and sat with LaRue, who remarked this game was more exciting than the 1967 Stanley Cup championship he played in.

There were always things to do besides watch the game such as a community dance, LaRue said.

Before he ran and helped coach the team, LaRue had dreams to play in the NHL.

He rode the buses for hours, sweated and shed blood for an opportunity to play in the NHL. Before the improbable run, LaRue had a hockey career with several teams that included playing for Hall of Fame coach Scotty Bowman, a stint with the Oshawa Generals (even getting paired with hockey legend Bobby Orr on the blueline - scoring four points to Orr's goose egg), and an entire year playing in Europe.

He never made the NHL, but was a strong player and played for several teams, including the Whitby Dunlops (from 1962 to 1963) who called Maple Leaf Gardens home every other week. It was awe inspiring to see the Leaf players close up, he said. He still has newspaper articles, programs and the puck he scored for his first junior goal at the Gardens. His eyes light up, holding the puck affixed to a wood mount with an accompanying engraved metal plate. It sits among his many trophies and photos like markers of time.

Up until a few months ago, LaRue hadn't laced up his skates.

This winter he is playing hockey for the first time in years. No pursuit of the next level or responsibility to a coach or his own high standards, just the pure exhilaration of gliding across the ice and making the perfect pass.

When you look back, he said, you only think of the good things. You often forget how hard things were, but people got through it. Life seems more fun when you don't have any money.



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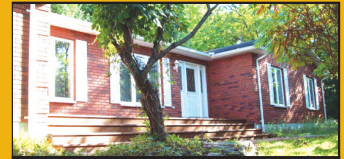
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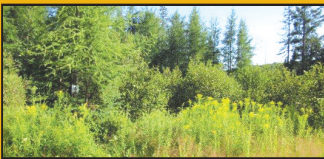
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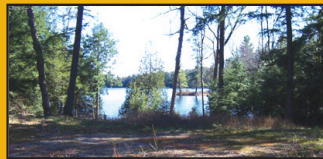
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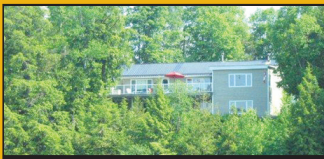
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Volunteers still needed for pond hockey championships

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The clock is ticking for organizers of the upcoming pond hockey championships.

Haliburton became the new hosts of the 2013 Canadian Pond Hockey Championship at the end of November after Highlands resident John Teljeur pitched the idea to event founder Neil Lumsden, a friend.

After a one-year hiatus, the event is scheduled over two weekends (Jan. 25-27 and Feb. 1-3) and is hosted in front of the Pinestone Resort on County Road 21 outside the village of Haliburton and on Head Lake in town.

It's been less than three months since Haliburton was awarded the right to host

the event. Teljeur said organization of this kind of event should take a year so there is still a lot left to do.

"We've been behind the eight-ball from the get-go, but we knew that going in. The volunteer side is our biggest component. We recognize we're not Deerhurst [Resort] and we're not one entity looking after an entire event. We have all these moving parts and we're going to have to do the same job they did with a different situation with two locations and [without] a large resort hosting the whole thing. It's being done by a lot of different people and groups so to get all of it organized and moving in one direction is going to take some doing."

With close to 60 volunteers now, the event is only halfway to fulfilling volun-

teer numbers. Other than serving alcohol there isn't really any need for specific skills. He said they need help with building and maintaining the 26 rinks. Inside and outside, volunteers will be needed everywhere and all they need is a desire to help, he said.

Contact Teljeur for volunteering at john.teljeur@deltahotels.com and 705-286-6573.

This event, which Lumsden and J-Core Marketing decided to move to Haliburton, draws close to 1,600 players from Canada and the U.S. It's expected to bring \$800,000 to the area. Haliburton County has committed \$10,000 for two dinners at the Pinestone.

Success this year will mean long-term longevity of possibly five to 10 years, Teljeur said. Key to success is player satisfaction.

Thus far, pre-registered players have sold out for the second weekend with just a few vacancies in the first weekend due to a few cancellations caused by scheduling conflicts from last year's event cancellation.

Unlike in Muskoka where the event was


held outside of the downtown of Huntsville, Haliburton will boast greater involvement by the community, as it will be seen from the main road to town and the downtown core.

"The town can see this. It's going to be right there smack dab in front of the town of Haliburton and right off the highway in front of the Pinestone [Resort]," he said.

Beneficiaries of proceeds from beverages and food sales will be local non-profit community groups such as Haliburton and District Lions Club, SIRCH Community Services, volunteer fire departments and other such groups.

Without a moment to spare, Teljeur and the rest of the organizers didn't lament spending the holidays organizing.

"It's a good thing. At the end of the day when it is all said and done, boy, I tell ya, if we pull this thing off it's going to be an amazing community event," he said, adding there is a slight advantage over other economic and social driving events such as the senior winter games. "The nice thing about this event it could be an annual event."



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Duchene coloured Spengler gold

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Haliburton's Matt Duchene raised the Spengler Cup in victory at the Vaillant Arena in Davos Switzerland on New Year's Eve.

The recently locked out NHL star said it is "one of the most amazing experiences of my career. Davos is the city it's held in and it is like nothing you have ever seen. Right in the middle of the Swiss Alps. It was so far my favourite tournament as part of team Canada due to the complete experience on and off the ice. My family and girlfriend were also able to be there which made it that much better of an experience."

Duchene, who took great satisfaction

having his parents and sister there for Christmas and New Year's Eve, has played for Canada three other times.

He was among several locked out players who joined the team to represent their country, beating defending cup champions and hosts HC Davos 7-2 in the Spengler Cup hockey tournament's final.

It included Patrice Bergeron, Jason Spezza, Tyler Seguin, Patrick Kane and veterans Joe Thornton and Ryan Smyth. Duchene was named as a tournament all-star. This was the 21st appearance for Canada and its 12th championship.

Duchene was scheduled to play for Hockey Club Ambri-Piotta in the 12-team Switzerland National League A hockey league since signing with the team on Dec. 8.



Matt Duchene, kneeling, is surrounded by his family Jessica, sister, left, Vince, father, and Chris, mother, with the Spengler Cup at the Vaillant Arena in Davos, Switzerland.

Duchene was named a tournament all-star.

- submitted by Chris Duchene

All runs open at Sir Sam's

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Little snowfall so far this winter hasn't

stop skiers from hitting the slopes at Sir Sam's.

The ski hill is functioning at full capacity, with all 14 runs and seven lifts operating as of Dec. 28.



Chad Ingram Staff

Skiers had fun on the slopes this weekend at Eagle Lake. All seven lifts and 14 runs at Sir Sam's are open.



Boarders and skiers enjoyed some fresh powder courtesy of Mother Nature at Sir Sam's on Jan. 6. The ski hill was the first in Ontario to have all its runs open.

"It was a slow start at the beginning with the snowmaking, but we were the first in Ontario to get all our runs open," said manager Chris Bishop. "There's very little snow so most of what we have is man-

made."

Bishop said late December is on-par in terms of getting all the runs open.

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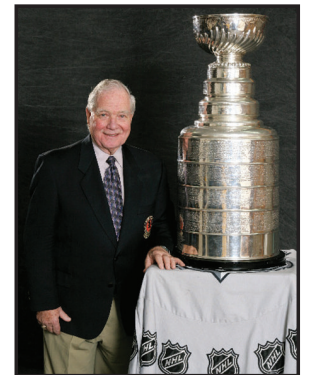


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Reads of the month



Book of the Month

The Deception of Livvy Higgs by Donna Morrissey
Livvy Higgs is an elderly woman who lives alone in Halifax. Over the course of a couple of days, while Livvy's health fails, a series of dreams take us back to her childhood growing up on a French Coastal town in Newfoundland. She remembers details of her childhood with her mom, dad and close neighbour friends but as Livvy's memories intensify we learn about the shocking family secrets that were kept from her. Filled with evocative prose and stunning historical detail, *The Deception of Livvy Higgs* is being described as The Stone Angel of the East Coast. You can reserve it today from Haliburton County Public Library.

Junior Book of the Month — Young Adult Title

Legend by Marie Lu
The western United States has been reduced into a post-apocalyptic, plague-contaminated land known as The Republic, an environment in which few are given the chance to succeed. One person who has defied the odds is 15-year-old June, a prodigiously intelligent girl, who is being groomed for success by The Republic's militaristic regime. On the other end of the spectrum is Day, a 15-year-old boy born into the slums of Los Angeles. In order to survive and provide for his family, Day has transformed himself into a master criminal, making him the most wanted man in the country. When tragedy sets June and Day on a collision course towards one another, they come to realize how little they truly knew of the world before them. The first in a trilogy, Marie Lu's *Legend* is available from Haliburton County Public Library.

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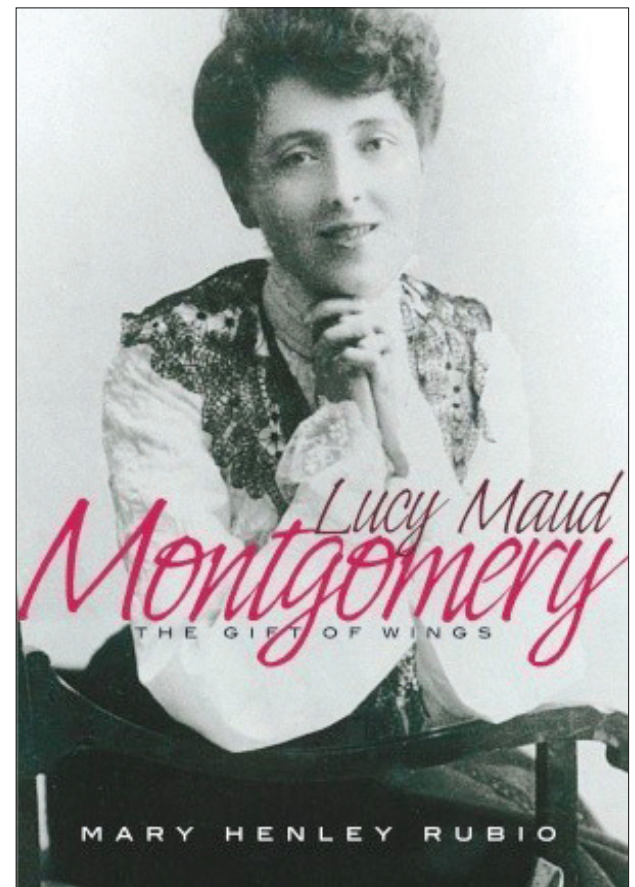
Maija Stone is a retired Toronto teacher who has been living in the Highlands for the last 12 years. She enjoys painting, nature-related outdoors activities and reading, especially non-fiction and biographies.



Lucy certainly did not live the life of her books; her husband was a manic depressive and she basically supported the family."

"It just makes for interesting reading," concludes Stone. "This book is well written, but still very reader friendly."

One biography she recently enjoyed is *Lucy Maud Montgomery: The Gift of Wings* by Mary Henley Rubio. "It was excellent," says Stone. "It was published recently so it included a lot of details about her life. We associate her with P.E.I., but she spent most of her life in Leaside, near Uxbridge.



News & Events

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Rockets lose nail-biter against Jets

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Wilberforce Rockets were taken down by the Bancroft Jets at the Keith Tallman Arena on Jan. 6.

Bancroft's Mikala O'Connor wasted no time getting her team on the board, scoring the game's first goal in the first minute of play.

Just a minute and half later, Rocket Hunter Arnott fired back, tying up the game.

After some competitive play and solid goaltending on both ends, the Jets' Luke King banked two goals, leaving the score at 3-1 at the end of the second.

Arnott ramped it up, applying some pressure with a goal in the first half of the third period, but King, who would prove irrepresible, put another one away with three minutes left, sealing the game for Bancroft and a hat trick for himself.

Chad Ingram Staff

The Bancroft Jets beat the Wilberforce Rockets 4-2 in a game at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena on Jan. 6.



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Highland Storm lose to Muskoka Bears

On Saturday, Dec. 29, the Highland Storm Novices hosted the South Muskoka Bears. The Storm were off to a great start, coming out strong. The first period ends 0-0. In the second with 2:27 to go, Nick Phippen scores, assisted by Ava Smith

and Colin Glecoff. Full of momentum, we head into the third, Damon Harriss continues to play a great game. The Bears get in two goals late in the third, ending our game 2-1.

Submitted by Trisha Phippen

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Action committee looks for members

The Gooderham Community Action Group thanks everyone who supported the Gooderham Community Bottle Drive, in 2012. You helped raise more than \$3,000 that fund a variety of community projects in the greater Gooderham area.

For several years there was a bottle drive next to the LCBO Store in Gooderham.

Over that time, the bottle drive raised money for many worthwhile Gooderham community projects. Some of which included the ice rink, the children's playground, the Gooderham Station 3 Firefighters' Jaws of Life purchase in 2009 and ongoing support of a variety of children's activities.

Unfortunately, in the fall of 2011, the LCBO informed the community that the bottle drive could no longer operate from their Gooderham location.

The main reason for the closure was related to the liability insurance challenges that the LCBO had to face when dealing with the continuous operation of the volunteer-based bottle drive.

In the spring of 2012, after not having a bottle drive for almost eight months, a new bottle drive was set up at the Gooderham Timbr-Mart.

It was a joint effort put together by the Gooderham Community Action Group, sponsored by the Gooderham Timbr-Mart and supported by the Municipality of Highlands East. These organizations, working together, were able to resolve most of the challenges that had made it impossible for the LCBO to continue with the project. The action group sup-

plies the labour and manages the program. Timbr-Mart supplies the location and the building that houses the bottle drive operation.

And, because the action group is a committee of council, its registered volunteers are covered by the Highlands East volunteer liability insurance.

Now, we also have excellent relationships with the Irondale General Store, in Irondale, and Artech Studios, in Tory Hill, who have become true partners in the way that they handle the purchase of the drive's empties.

Although there are only four dedicated members in the Action Group (Barb Bader, Marilyn Woodey, Mary Cox and Bonnie Ryall), they truly understand how to multi-task and get a pile of stuff done.

In 2013, the action group will be adding two new advisory positions to help ensure the raised money is being properly invested in our community. One advisor will assist in developing year-round programs for children, while the other will advise in areas related to improving Gooderham's appearance and expanding the enjoyment of what Gooderham has to offer its residents and visitors.

To ensure that the bottle drive money generates the most benefit for the community, project funding is typically applied using a match program.

That is, for every dollar an applicant raises for a community project, the action group will match it up to a limit. The action group reserves the right to fund all of the costs of a project if they have the money, the project has high value to the community or the applicants have done their best to

raise the needed money and were not successful.

For 2013, the action group is partnering with the Gooderham Station 3 Firefighters' Association to develop plans for expanding Gooderham's Canada Day activities. They will also be partnering with the Gooderham Historical Group to develop a series of events for Gooderham's 140th birthday in 2013.

In addition, they will be doing support work with the Gooderham Bandstand Group, the Gooderham Kids' Karate Group and the Gooderham Community Garden Group on their respective projects. The action group is always there for our less fortunate local families at Christmas or when one of our families incurs an unexpected loss.

Although the community's support throughout 2012 has been more than generous, they can always use more donations.

So, if you have any empty beer, wine, cooler and liquor containers that you are going to throw in the garbage, please take them to the Gooderham community bottle drive at the Gooderham Timbr-Mart. The action group will put them to good use for our community.

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Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre invites applications from artisans and artists for the 50th annual Haliburton Art and Craft Festival 2013 July 26, 27, 28 in Head Lake Park, Haliburton Village.

Application deadline: Feb. 23. Apply online this year! The process is simple and user friendly. Thinking of applying for 2013? Find information at www.railsendgallery.com. Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre is a not-for-profit public art gallery devoted to bringing art to life in Haliburton. We present a year round schedule of exhibitions, arts education and community programming.

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre is a member of the Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAAG) and the Ontario Crafts Council (OCC). For gallery membership information please visit our website. Questions? Please email haliburtonfestival@gmail.com or phone 705-457-2330.

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Maybelle's



Fireside stories

I don't know about you, but ol' Maybelle is pleased as punch that 2012 is over and done with. Why if there was one more nail biting or shocking event that happened last year, I'd be an old bald gal with no fingernails, don'tcha know.

Floods and hurricanes. Wars. People going crazy with firearms. The U.S. presidential election. And all that malarkey about the world coming to an end. Mayans shmayans. Who started that

"Maybelle," she said. "The fizzycists are right. We're all energy in body suits. (Well, I used to be in a body suit, she said.) We are all connected. Every single one of us on this big ol' crazy planet. And not just us humans. Rocks, trees, birds, bees, the sky, the earth, fish, fowl ... even that big ol' pet bear of yours. Now what good would you be turning yourself into a blubbering mess or staying stuck on scary news? Since you're part of everything then what you think and feel is going to have an effect. If you really want to be helpful, you better start asking yourself, what are you going to choose to focus on? And it had better not be gloom!"

"Gloom," I muttered.

"Yes, gloom or bloom," she said. "You choose."

"I have a choice?"

"Duh. Of course you do," she said. "That's the one thing you DO have control of. What you think and feel is up to you."

"OK," I said. "I really do know that, but sometimes it just isn't easy."

"Easy, shmeezy," she said. "THAT'S your choice, too. It's all your choice. Here's a little tip. Whenever you catch yourself thinking gloomy thoughts, stop. Just STOP. Then choose a thought that's higher. Better. Brighter. Even if you don't believe it. Just do it! Make it a habit. You know, Maybelle ... fake it 'til you make it!"

Then in a flash, Auntie Fester was gone. Or was she?

CRASH! Something fell to the floor in the living room. I ran in and found a quote that she had given to me lying on the floor in a four-by-six-inch frame. This is what it said:

I AM ... two of the most powerful words: for what you put after them shapes your reality.

Wow! "OK, Auntie F," I said. "I get it! ... What I am ... what I think and feel is up to me. And THAT's how my life will be."

Well, by the time you read this we'll be eight days into the New Year. Eight whole days. 1,536 hours. 11,520 minutes. 691,200 seconds. I don't know about you, but ol' Maybelle is going to make every second count. In a good way, don'tcha know. Because I've decided to be more conscious about my choices, starting with those two little words.

I AM ... alive and well and happy to be sharing my life with good friends and my dear pet bear, Bogart, right here in Lake WhaddyathinkI mean.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You, 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at www.amazon.com.

rumour anyway?

Why the bad stuff was so bad that I didn't know where to put it. I mean, there I was with food on my plate, a roof over my head, friends I could count on, and a pet bear who loves me ... while all this stuff was hanging on my heart like a 10,000-pound tax adjuster. I mean, what was I to do?

THEN, as if by magic, my dearly departed Auntie Fester appeared (no kidding) with a gleam in her eye that lit up my heart.



Wildlife in your backyard

Deb Crowell had a special visitor to her Harburn Road home this Thanksgiving.

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Belinda Gallagher sent us this photo of two turkeys having a tet-a-tet perched on a branch.

NOTICE (Applicant – CHICHON)

IN THE MATTER OF THE *MUNICIPAL ACT* AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF MONMOUTH LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council chambers, **WILBERFORCE**, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 2013** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 26, concession 1, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated July 4, 2012.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. To 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 8th day of January, 2013.

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Jan 9: Healthy Beginnings Prenatal Class : Four-part class runs Wednesday nights (Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2012), 6 pm -8 pm. Located at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) The Prenatal Class is ideal for expectant moms and their partners. The class focuses on labour and delivery, infant care and safety, feeding the baby and adjusting to life after the baby is born. Each participant receives a free copy of the Healthy Beginnings pregnancy guidebook. Pre-register by contacting the Health Unit (705) 457-1391 or prenatal@hkpr.on.ca

Jan 12: Gone to Pot – Adventures in Clay: On wheel and slab you will shape your own pottery creations. For information and rates see www.yoursoutdoors.ca; to book call 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca

Jan 12: Make Peace with Winter- Ice Climbing located at Camp Medeba. This is a fun and safe

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Jan 12: The Haliburton County Historical Society 3rd Annual Golden Slipper Music Era Dance beginning at 8:00p.m. located at the Wild Moose. Dance to the 50's style. Tickets are \$10. Contact: Larry Giles at 705-754-0427 for more information

Jan 12: Wilberforce Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting. Pot luck supper starts at 6:00pm and AGM will follow at 7:00pm. All Fair board members, volunteers and anyone interested in the workings of the Wilberforce Fair are welcome to join us. Be involved in this year's Fair!

Jan19: Mini Buck Bid Euchure located at the Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Center 100 Head Street. Will host a MINI BUCK BID EUCHRE Saturday January 19, 7 P.M. Everyone welcome for information call Phil 705-738-6271

Jan 25, 26 and 27: 15th Annual Charity Home Builders Hockey Tournament: "NEW LOCATION" - S G Nesbitt Arena, Minden Ontario. The following divisions will be available as long as there are a minimum of FOUR teams registered in that division; Home Builder, Ladies, Over 35, Over 50 and Open. The food banks in Haliburton County continue to be our charity of choice. They are most appreciative of our fourteen years of donations to their very important work. For more information call Aggie Tose info@hchba.ca or 705-457-6901

Jan 31: Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Centre Fund Raisers. We have scheduled a bus to Casino Rama this is a Fund Raiser for our Seniors Centre. The cost is \$2.00 for the bus and Buffet lunch. Departing at 8:30 from 100 Head Street Bobcaygeon and returning at 4:15. Come join us for fun on the bus. Contact Judy: 705-738-4490

Good times had by all during the holidays

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Our Christmas began with much music: first of all viewing the musical version of "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 18, the Highlands Concert Band at Extendicare on Dec. 21, the service of Lessons and Carols at St. George's on Dec. 24, and (backing up) our Highlands Concert band at St. George's on the evening of Dec. 14 and Bethany Houghton's strings recital in the afternoon of Dec. 15. All of this meant a joyous beginning for the holiday.

In the midst of it all, the funeral of Tom (son of Kay and Jack) Barry, which took place at the Maple Lake United Church cemetery, an intimate graveside ceremony. Afterwards a lunch was served at the centre. Thanks to all who contributed the sandwiches and goodies for the family and friends gathered there. Sympathy is extended to all who will miss him so much.

At our own place, people called in on Dec. 21 for visiting over the afternoon to enjoy the traditional Christmas cake and shortbread. The spruce tree from our own

bush got decorated in time, last minute shopping done and stockings draped (rather than hung) and secretly filled in anticipation of the blessed tomorrow.

The centre was the place for two family Christmas dinners, the Phrona Sisson gathering, a potluck for the 47 on hand, happening on Dec. 23, and the Upton's on Dec. 28.

Presumably people travelled short or long distances to celebrate Christmastime with families farther away. It would be nice to have you phone and let me know who went where. Neighbours are interested and like to wish each other well over this season.

Ken and Leeanne Goodall have returned from six weeks in Australia and New Zealand, a trip much enjoyed. They were glad to be back in time for Christmas.

Euchre on Dec. 18: High scores - Rosemary Blight and Leon Jones. Low scores - Neva Hobden and Brandon van Nood. Most Lone Hands - Colleen Davidson and Henk van Nood. The one special went to Denise Ricketts.

In my quest for who visited whom, over the holiday, the following information has

come. Paul and Margo Sisson's daughter Stacey with Josh came to see them from London, Ont., and Andrew and Tammy from Bobcaygeon area with their family as well. True to form, Paul had lighted what I still call Holly's tree in coloured splendour. Across Pine Lake from him Gail and Fred Morgan's place was a wonder to behold with many lights of many colours and shapes. Brad and Ruth Bryant's was just one of the others who decorated extravagantly, as was our close neighbour, Jim O'Brien.

Angela and John Balle had the company of daughters, Jaime and Janell Bilo-deau Jaime's job is in Minden and Janell's is in Haliburton.

Jean Morrison of St. Jacob's was home with Perry and Kay for the holiday.

Claridges, George and Sylvia, entertained over 40 for the family dinner, and for Christmas itself. Anthony was home from Ottawa, Gigi from Extendicare, Emily and Jeremy from Huntsville. Dylan, a friend of Sylvia's niece Janet Cantral, came from Georgia and had never seen snow, but made the most of the experience by skiing at Sir Sam's while here.

Milnes, Jim and Margaret, had Paul of Brampton and some of his family and

Jim's brother, David and his wife, Mary on New Year's all went to see the alpaca farm on Beech Lake.

Keith and Frances Burns had some of their family home, Scott from Guelph and Heather and Tom from Lakefield with their baby boy Michael. Frances's sister was also present with her daughter and baby from Uxbridge.

The Morrisons entertained us at dinner and our son, Alan with Philip and Thomasin, entertained us all with music of singing, fiddle, mandolin and bodhran (drum) Thomasin (pronounced Tam-sin) studies math and science at University of Ottawa, and Philip is in (what else!) musical theatre at St. Clair College in Windsor.

On Sunday, Jan. 6 Kathleen hosts her annual Twelfth Night party in the afternoon.

Helen Barkley, Susan Norcross's mother had such a special Christmas Day with Susan and Dave. She received word on the 25th from grand-daughter Abby that a new great-grandchild was on the way, and from another grand-daughter, Catherine. that she and Andy Court of Birmingham, England would be married during this year.

Great news for all concerned.

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We hope you had pleasant times with family and friends celebrating Christmas and New Year's. There certainly were opportunities at wonderful services and concerts to celebrate this special time both as participants and as audiences. It's always uplifting to raise one's voice in song with others at this time of year. The carol service at the historic Essonville Church brought out many who love to sing and to hear the Christmas story. A special time for this scribe was a gentle afternoon Christmas Eve service at St. Margaret's experiencing music that included an amazing solo "Breath of Heaven" (Mary's Song) by young Hannah Klose, "O Holy Night" by Chris Chumbley, Alex Kocot, Hannah Klose and Bill Glidden and the quartet of Margaret Jeske, Sandra Bramham, Bill Glidden and Mark Bramham singing "Bethlehemtown."

For a number of organizations the new year brings a time to review the previous year's accomplishments and make plans for the future. This is done at their annual general meeting (AGM). The Wilberforce Agricultural Society will hold its AGM on Saturday, Jan. 12 at the Lloyd Watson Centre. It begins with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. with the AGM at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 705-448-3981.

The AGM of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild for the year 2012 will be held at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House on Monday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity for the public to learn about the work of the WHG in its operation of our museum, a National Historic Site of Canada. Come by 6:30 for some refreshments.

Curling resumes at the local club this week after a break for the seasonal festivities. Leagues operate on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Wednesday mornings. Interested in joining? Call Melanie at 705-448-2537. The first bonspiel of 2013 takes place on Jan. 18 and 19.

The doors will be open at St. Margaret's Church on Tuesday

Jan. 15 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. for a social time of games. Drop in for checkers, crokinole, dominoes, Scrabble, etc., or just have a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate and cookies. All welcome.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Harold Sanderson especially his wife Adele, sons David (Karen) and Paul (Cassandra), grandsons Matthew and Jesse and brother Kenneth (Nadeen). Harold died peacefully on Jan. 1 in Scarborough where he and his family lived for many years.

He was predeceased by brothers and sisters Ruth, Harry, Elmer, Wilbur, Albert, Marion and Donald and his parents Sophia and Edward.

As an operator with the Toronto Transit Co. (TTC) for 30 years Harold touched the lives of many in his community. He and Adele and the family enjoyed many happy vacations at their cottage on Lake Wilbermere on the shores of which he grew up on the family farm. Visitation is at McDougall and Brown Funeral Home, Scarborough on Friday, Jan. 11. A memorial service will be in the chapel there on Saturday, Jan. 12 at 11 a.m.

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Recent Events:

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Mary Wilson-Pain (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Peacefully at her daughter's residence with her family by her side on Friday morning, December 21, 2012 in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late George Wilson and Gerrit (Dutch) Pain. Beloved mother of Brenda, Judy (Dave), Wilma (Mrs. Nick Heykoop) and Gary (Vanessa). Beloved Nana of Lance (Vanessa), Brent (Ashley). Loving grandmother of Melissa (Peter), Nathan, Nicholas, Samantha, and Jeremy. Great Grandmother to Hailey and Amaliya and Kaia. Dear sister of Muriel Anne. Predeceased by her brother Robert. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Mary worked for the City of Scarborough for 20 years and was the previous owner of Twin Rocks, Kushog Lake.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Saturday afternoon, December 29, 2012 from 12 (Noon) until time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1 o'clock. Reception Followed Interment later St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

A Celebration of Mary's life will also be held on Sunday January 20, 2012 from 1-5 p.m. at the **Royal Canadian Legion Branch #258**, 45 Lawson Road Scarborough, Ontario.

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Helen Frances Campbell (nee Arnot) (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Peacefully at Extendicare - Haliburton on Friday afternoon, December 28, 2012 in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late Donald Campbell (2000). Loving mother of Lorne (Lynda), John, and Joan (Lincoln). Much loved grandmother of Kate, Shane, Benjamin, Caleb and Leah. Dear sister-in-law of Moira, Eileen and Helen. Cherished aunt of Leslie and Nancy. Predeceased by her son Gordon and her brothers Donald and Gordon Arnot. Also fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Helen was a veteran army nurse and a long time member of the Haliburton United Church Choir. She was an avid swimmer, curler and enjoyed her family.

Memorial Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON UNITED CHURCH**, 10 George St. Haliburton, Ontario on Friday January 4, 2013 for a Memorial Service at 2 o'clock. Reception followed in the Fellowship Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to World Vision or the Haliburton United Church would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Deaths

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In Memory of Bernard E. Jubb

May 1, 1921 – December 27, 2012



Peacefully on December 27, 2012 in Kitchener in his 92nd year. Born in Highland Grove raised in Newtonbrook, Ontario where he met and married the love of his life Helen Christel (Graves) Jubb who predeceased him in December 2002. Bern is also predeceased by his parents Arthur and Rhoda and nine siblings. Survived by his loving sister Audrey (George) Whitmore. Loved and respected father of Wayne, David (Frederika), Ron, Bette Ann Cannon, Bernice (Wayne) Williams, Barb (Ron) Mercer. Bern had a very special place in his heart for all his 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren. In retirement Bern and Helen moved to their cottage on Green Lake, West Guilford in Haliburton. After over 50 years as a builder and master stonemason Bern continued his favourite hobby by adding onto the cottage, enlisting the help of all his grandchildren on their numerous visits, while regaling them with scary stories of bears and giant muskies. The family would like to thank Dr. Ferracuti for looking after Dad all these years and his good friend and neighbour Roy. Friends may call on Wednesday, January 2, 2012 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the R.S. Kane Funeral Home (6150 Yonge Street, at Goulding, south of Steeles). A Funeral Service will follow at 11 a.m. in the chapel. Interment Westminster Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Haliburton Highland Health Services Foundation, Haliburton, Ontario in Bern's memory would be greatly appreciated.



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BLAIR, Wren Alvin - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Wren Alvin Blair of Hillsdale Estates, Oshawa on January 2nd, 2013. Wren was born in Lindsay, Ontario October 2nd, 1925. Predeceased by his wife Elma (nee Pearce) and his sister Merle Taylor (nee Blair). Son of the late Alvin and Audrey Blair. Will be dearly missed by his daughter Jill Krahule and her husband Peter, his son Dan Blair and wife Libby. Loving Grandpa to Ryan and his wife Christine, Brandon, Laura, Jen and Great Grandpa to Madison. Survived by his brothers Lyle and Gerald. A caring and devoted father, husband and grandfather, he will be remembered for his generosity and love for his children. Wren was known as "The Bird" in hockey circles and had spent more than 50 years in the sport he loved. He has coached, managed, and owned hockey teams in various leagues in North America. His name is linked with success in junior, senior and professional leagues. He was founder and General Manager of the Whitby Dunlops 1957 Allan Cup Champions and 1958 World International Champions. General Manager of the Clinton Comets of the U.S. Eastern League (1958-1971). Wren brought the Oshawa Generals OHA Junior "A" back in 1962. He's the hockey man who discovered Bobby Orr who starred for the Oshawa Generals before joining the Boston Bruins. Coach and General Manager of the Kingston Frontenacs of the Eastern Professional Hockey League (1960-1963). He was the first General Manager (1966-74) and Coach (1967-70) of the Minnesota North Stars of the NHL. Owner of the Saginaw Gears in the International Hockey League (1971-1983) won two Turner Cup Championships. Co-owner of the Pittsburgh Penguins of the NHL (1975-1977). Director of Player Personnel of the Los Angeles Kings of the NHL (1979-1985). Managing Partner and part owner of the Kingston Frontenacs of the OHL (1989-2000). Inducted into the Oshawa Sports Hall Of Fame (1986). Inducted into the Whitby Sports Hall Of Fame (1998). Inducted into the Saginaw County Sports Hall Of Fame (2007). Co-founder of PineStone Inn Haliburton. Together with Jim Gregory, Wren built Haliburton Hockey Haven Boys Camp in Haliburton. In 2001 Wren was largely instrumental in bringing hockey back to Saginaw, the Saginaw Spirit of the Ontario Hockey League. In that same year Wren proudly wrote his autobiography titled "The Bird" which contained his stories of legendary players like Bobby Orr, Gump Worsley, Bill Goldsworthy as well as hockey executives. His love of hockey was life long. Visitation will be held at **OSHAWA FUNERAL HOME**, 847 King Street West (905-721-1234) on Thursday, January 10th from 2 — 4 and 7 — 9 p.m. A Celebration of Wren's Life will be held in the Chapel on Friday, January 11th at 1:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the Hospital for Sick Children would be appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.oshawafuneralhome.com.

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SANDERSON, Harold Edward

Passed away peacefully in Scarborough on January 1, 2013, at age 83. Beloved husband of Adele for 59 years, loving father of David (Karen) and Paul (Cassandra) and cherished grandfather of Matthew and Jesse. Blessed with a large extended family, he is survived by his brother Ken (Wilberforce, Ont.) and predeceased by his sisters Ruth and Marion, and brothers Harry, Elmer, Wilbur, Albert and Don.

As a TTC operator for 30 years, friend and neighbour, he touched the lives of so many in a positive way.

Cremation has taken place. Visitation at McDougall & Brown Funeral Home, 2900 Kingston Rd, Scarborough, on Friday, January 11, 6-9 pm. Memorial service in the chapel on Saturday, January 12, at 11 am. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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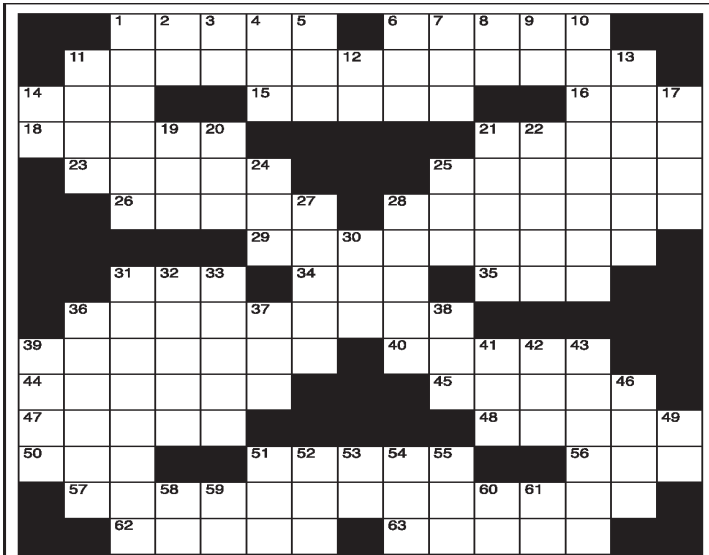
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